

# **SOLVAY SCHOOLS**

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Dear Parents/Guardians, and Staff Members,

This letter is to inform you of a data security incident involving the unauthorized access of information from the AIMSWeb 1.0 system. AIMSWeb is an assessment platform provided by Pearson Clinical Assessment (Pearson). Solvay Union Free School District used AIMSWeb to monitor student progress in English Language Arts and Mathematics. We stopped using AIMSWeb 1.0 in 2017 and switched to AIMSWeb Plus.

Due to the Central New York Information Center being the contract holder, Pearson separately released the data to CNYRIC on August 26, 2019. The District was informed by CNYRIC of this incident on August 28, 2019.

Assessment information and grades were not disclosed, according to Pearson. Solvay Union Free School District does not collect student Social Security numbers, therefore that information was not included in the data breach. The student information that was potentially affected was limited to:

- First and last name
- Student ID number
- Birthdate
- School location

Any staff information is limited to:

- Name
- School email address

We are working with Pearson representatives to identify which students may have been affected and for which school years. Personalized letters will be sent to the family of any student or staff whose data was compromised.

While it is the District's understanding that there is no evidence that the information described above has been misused, Pearson is offering complimentary credit monitoring from Experian (a national credit monitoring company) for one year. Details will be sent directly to the affected individuals.

You can learn more about the Central New York Regional Information Center's response to this data breach by visiting – [www.cnyric.org/pearsoninfo](http://www.cnyric.org/pearsoninfo).

Sincerely,



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